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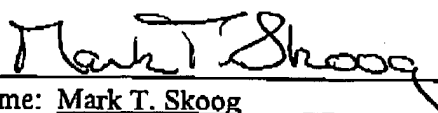
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Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 5, 2006. Without acquiescing to the statements made therein, Applicant(s) hereby elect without traverse the claims of Group I (claims 1-24) for prosecution in the instant application. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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